



BOARD BULLETIN

March 8, 2013

Property Tax Collections Summary

As of February 28 the real property collection rate was 93.3%. This rate is 1.4 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of February 2012.

The vehicle tax collection rate as of February 2013 was 80.67%. This rate is 2.57 percentage points higher than the reported collection rate at the end of February 2012.

With respect to the overall levy collected, the collection percentage through February 2013 is 1.03 percentage points higher than the overall rate as of February 29, 2012.

Past due tax revenue collection efforts continue to surpass prior year benchmarks. In fact, there were 584 past due collections executed in February 2013 as compared to 59 in February 2012 and 19 in February 2011. The significant increase in forced collections will certainly improve overall tax revenue collection in FY 12-13.

As information, the annual past due tax listing will run in the Stanly News and Press on Tuesday, April 9th.

2013 Revaluation - Update

The 2013 Revaluation continues to progress favorably. Below please find a summary of the work completed in the past 30 days:

- Revaluation notices will be mailed on Friday, March 8.
- Property records cards associated with the new Revaluation will not be immediately available on-line. However, they will be available on-line prior to Friday, March 15.
- Additional customer service staff is in place to begin accepting calls from citizens on Monday, March 11 regarding the Revaluation and to schedule informal appeal appointments.
- Informal Revaluation appeal appointments will begin as early as Tuesday, March 12.
- The Revaluation staff remains busy reviewing and entering new construction data into the Tax Assessment system. Staff made 676 field visits related to new construction during the month of February.

County Receives Lighting Grant

The County received notification earlier this week that its grant application to ElectriCities for upgrades to the parking lot lights at the Commons was approved in the amount of \$3,300.

The ElectriCities grant represents approximately 15% of the total project cost of \$25,000. The project includes updating all of the parking lot lights with new LED technology. The LED lighting will be significantly more efficient and generate several thousand of dollars in cost savings over their anticipated useful life.

County staff is still monitoring the FY 12-13 budget to ensure sufficient funds will be available at year-end before proceeding with the project.

Home Health Operational Assessment

The Health Department is preparing to conduct an operational performance assessment of its Home Health agency. The performance assessment will likely be conducted by an independent consultant to increase the objectivity of the analysis, and no additional funding will be required to conduct this assessment in FY 12-13.

The goals of the assessment will be to identify opportunities to enhance efficiency and improve operational outcomes, identify performance gaps, and better understand the County's stability in the local home health market.

The provision of home health services has become increasingly challenging as a result of continuous changes to Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance guidelines and the growing competitiveness of the local market.

In the end, the ultimate goal of the Health Department is to ensure the County's Home Health agency is providing quality service to our patients. Staff will provide updates as the operational assessment moves forward.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 18
7:00 PM
Commons Mtg. Room